

## Meeting Minutes



### Joint Commission on Health Care

Tuesday, June 24, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Senate Committee Room A- Pocahontas Building

#### Members Present

Delegate C.E “Cliff” Hayes, Jr.  
Delegate Patrick A. Hope  
Delegate Christopher K. Peace  
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

Senator George L. Barker  
Senator Rosalyn R. Dance  
Senator Siobhan S. Dunnivant  
Senator John S. Edwards  
Senator L. Louise Lucas  
Senator David R. Suetterlein

#### Members Absent

Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.  
Senator Glenn H. Sturtevant, Jr.  
Delegate David L Bulova  
Delegate T. Scott Garrett  
Delegate Riley E. Ingram  
Delegate Kaye Kory  
Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler

#### Staff Present

Michele Chesser  
Paula Margolis  
Andrew Mitchell  
Stephen Weiss  
Agnes Dymora

Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D.

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Call to Order- Senator Dance

#### Virginia Maternal Mortality Data

Dr. Melanie Rouse from the Virginia Department of Health gave an overview including statistics on the causes of deaths of new mothers in Virginia.

Deputy Secretary of Health and Human resources, Gena Boyle Berger, spoke about the initiatives and plans being developed for improving maternal health and eliminating racial disparity in Virginia.

The presentations resulted in a motion to have JCHC staff work with staff from the Office of the Secretary of HHR, VDH, and any other relevant agency to further research the topic including obtaining useful data and other information from other states and analyzing Virginia's maternal mortality data separately for the following periods: a) up to 42 days post birth and b) 42 days and beyond. Data will be shared with JCHC members. If the findings warrant action, the JCHC Director will draft a letter from the JCHC Chair to Governor Northam in support of his budget including funding for efforts to decrease maternal mortality in Virginia. JCHC Members will meet to vote on sending the letter. The vote for the motion was unanimous by all present members.

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### Creation of Standardized Release of Information Form

Dr. Michael Schaefer from DBHDS provided an update on the creation of a HIPAA release form meant to be utilized by the inmate population. He also listed some barriers to using the form statewide as well as solutions to overcome those barriers.

### VHI Report

Michael Lundberg gave an update on the Emergency Department Care Coordination Program (EDCCP) and spoke about the benefits of the newly implemented program. He also spoke about the changes that were implemented in 2019 to the All Payer Claims Databases (APCD).

### Staff Study Updates

Andrew Mitchell, Stephen Weiss and Paula Margolis gave brief summaries of their workplans for their staff studies being presented in September and October of 2019.

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